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Please find enclosed the English translation of the International Preliminary Examination Report corresponding to International application No. PCT/EP00/03948.

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